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REMARKS

In the above-referenced office actions, the specification and claims were objected to. Applicant respectfully asserts that the above amendments have obviated the objections.

The claims, now renumbered 1-6, were rejected under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 in view of various references. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and asserts that the amended claims patentably define over the art of record. Specifically, Applicant has clarified that the contact between the lead or electrode and tissue may cause variations in a sensed signal (as opposed to the expected variations generated by cardiac events as the Examiner read the claims to include in view of the cited references) and these variations are accounted for or addressed in the manner claimed.

Claim 2 was objected to and indicated to contain allowable subject matter. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests notice of the same. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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